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I hereby grant permission for my child to attend the activity sponsored by the City of Gaithersburg. I understand that I am responsible for my child's insurance in case of injury. Furthermore I understand that although safety precautions will be observed, the City of Gaithersburg, employees and agents will not be responsible for any personal property lost by my child or for any injury sustained in the program. The participant also consents to the City's use of any photographs taken or video tapes made of the program. I have read and agree to conduct myself in accordance the the City's guidelines at youth sports activities.

Rec'd: _____ Initials _____
W P M F Resident: Y N
Pr: _____ Date _____

CODE OF ETHICS

To the Parents or Guardians of our participants:

The City of Gaithersburg welcomes you and your family to our Youth Sports Program. We appreciate your support for without it, our programs would not exist. The philosophy of the City of Gaithersburg's Youth Sports Program is participation over competition. Whereas competition is a part of athletics, as long as it is emoted with respect. The fun and fulfillment of your child's expectations are our primary objective. In order to facilitate and participate in our goal of a positive experience, we wish that you would keep in mind the following thoughts:

◆ To respect the facility that we are guests in:

- By not bringing in food or drink into the gym. Water bottles are excepted.
- Do not bounce balls in hallways, against walls, ceilings and bulletin boards.
- Do not touch bulletin boards or displays in the school.
- Do not play on school/facility equipment i.e. gymnastic equipment or on school stage areas.

◆ To respect the players from both teams:

- Cheer for both teams. A good play is a good play.
- Keep cheers positive and not negative.
- Non-violent encouragement please

◆ To respect all officials, coaches and staff:

- It is OK to disagree with an officials call or decision.
- It is NOT OK to berate an official or coach. Please temper your emotions with the knowledge that they are doing the best they can. Do not show that disagreement in such a way as to show disrespect to the officials.
- To be on time to all games and practices.
- Be sure to escort children from parking lot to the field or gymnasium.

◆ To respect other fans as they cheer for their team:

- Everyone wants their team to win, Keep an objective eye on the game.
- Cheer plays made by all players.
- Congratulate players from both teams at end of the game

◆ Keep all other children under close supervision at game sites:

- Do not allow siblings and friends into other parts of buildings
- Bring things for siblings to do that will not cause a distraction (drawing, books, electronic games)

Have FUN!!! If you do, the kids will follow!

Goals for Youth Sports

- ◆ To give every child a chance to play.
- ◆ To not allow competition to limit the opportunity to learn and have fun.
- ◆ To provide an opportunity for adults to exhibit positive role model behavior to our youth.
- ◆ To teach our youth cooperation and team work as a way to reach their goals.
- ◆ To allow children to risk failure.
- ◆ To encourage the development of respect for your teammates, opponents and officials.